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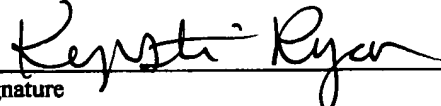
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This is in response to the non-final Official Action in this case mailed on 21 September 2005. Applicant is filing this Amendment within the three month shortened statutory period, by 21 December 2005. Hence Applicant believes no extension of time fee is required. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked. As provided below, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any required fee.

The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following:

- Amendments to the Claims, beginning on Page 2 of this paper; and
- Remarks, beginning on Page 7 of this paper.